IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend as follows:

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 7 through 11.

At page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/183,374, filed October 30, 1998, now abandoned, which in turn is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 08/347,563, filed November 30, 1994, now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,935,810, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of copending application Serial No. 08/292,345, filed August 17, 1994, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,001,968, to each of which the instant application claims the benefit of the filing date pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, and each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

<u>INVENTORSHIP</u>

Please delete Margherita Maffei, Jeffrey L. Halaas, Ketan Gajiwala and Stephen K. Burley as co-inventors of the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48, in view of the fact that through the prosecution of the above-identified application certain claims have been cancelled so that less than all of the originally named inventors are the actual inventors of any invention claimed and now allowed in the application.